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1. REF C SUGGESTS THAT IRAQI AUTO TARIFF MAY BE VIOLATION
OF MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE OF 1938 COMMERCE AND
NAVIGATION TREATY. WE ARE AWAITING INFORMATION PROMISED
IN REF B IN ORDER TO FORM A FIRMER OPINION. WE HOPE USINT
WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE
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TARIFF PROVISIONS AFFECTING AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS FROM THE

U.S. AND FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IM-
POSE TARIFF AND INTERNAL TAXES ON THE BASIS OF VALUE OR
WEIGHT. SUCH PRACTICES EFFECTIVELY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST
HEAVIER OR MORE EXPENSIVE MODELS OF U.S. AUTOMOBILES.
HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER SUCH TAXES OR TARIFFS
DISCRIMINATORY IN THEIR EFFECT, SUCH TAXES OR TARIFFS ARE
NOT NECESSARILY VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST FAVORED NATION
PRINCIPLE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE CABLE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF
PERTINENT PORTIONS OF IRAQI TARIFF REGULATIONS, WHEN
AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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